Tamu-Kalemyo Friendship Road

2022. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual expenditure borne to construct Tamu to Kalemyo Friendship Road;

(b) whether this fund was from the funds of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways or the External Affairs; and

(c) the present position of the road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The actual expenditure of the construction of Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa road has been estimated at Rs. 101.73 crores. "

(b) The cost of this project is being borne by the Ministry of External Affairs and till date the Ministry has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 91.68 crores.

(c) The upgradation of the road was completed in December 2000 and was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Shri Jaswant Singh in February 2001.

US assistance for solving Indo-Pak crisis

2023. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USA has offered to lend its services to help India and Pakistan to resolve their crisis;

(b) if so, the details of such help extended by USA;

(c) the areas in which USA is inclined in extending the support in resolving the issues; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) India and the United States share the belief that tensions in South Asia must be resolved by the countries of South Asia through peaceful means. The United States has on a number of occasions expressed hope for the resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan. The

United States has also repeatedly said that it will not involve itself in negotiations between India and Pakistan unless asked to by both sides.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Cost of Agra Summit

2024. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of Agra Summit;

(b) how many rooms were booked for the officials accompanying the Indian delegation and otherwise; and

(c) the amount spent by Government for Agra Summit including the reception and security at Delhi, Agra and Ajmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (c) The requisite information will be available only on receipt and settlement of various bills, as well as various inputs from other Ministries and Departments.

(b) The information available with the Ministry of External Affairs is that a total of 73 rooms were booked for the officials accompanying the Indian delegation and the accompanying support staff at the Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra. In addition, three rooms were booked for the Pakistani delegation as meeting rooms/waiting rooms. 25 rooms were booked for security officals, three rooms for official media and 12 rooms were booked as control rooms, meeting rooms and secretariat rooms for the Indian delegation.

In the Amar Vilas Hotel, Agra, a total of 35 rooms were booked for the Pakistani delegates and the Indian officials, including Indian security, who accompanied the President of Pakistan.

A further 21 rooms were booked at the Mughal Sheraton Hotel for government officials dealing with media.